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FOREIGN NEWS ON RICE

INDIAN RICE CROP ABOVE LAST YEAR

The rice crop of India is about ten per cent larger this year than last according to a cable just received by the Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. The harvest for 1924-25 is estimated at 34,720,000 short tons in terms of cleaned rice, as compared with 31,582,000 short tons in 1923-24. This indicates a better yield per acre this year than in 1923-24 since the acreage, according to the latest official report, was only two per cent larger than last year. In Burma, where much of the Indian rice for export is grown, the increase is greater than for India as a whole, amounting to 22 per cent. The 1924-25 crop is estimated at 5,675,000 short tons as compared with 4,667,000 in 1923-24. According to unofficial sources there is no carryover from last year's Burma crop.

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AVERAGE RICE CROP IN JAPAN ABOVE LAST YEAR IN CHosen

The condition of the rice plant in Japan proper indicates about an average crop according to a cable received by the United States Department of Agriculture from Consul Stewart at Tokyo, quoting the Japanese Department of Agriculture. Production in 1924 amounted to 17,961 million pounds of cleaned rice and in 1923 to 17,418 million.

Generally favorable conditions have been prevailing in Chosen, according to the Consul, although a small area has been affected by floods. The crop promises to be larger than last year and is predicted to be 4,700 million pounds of cleaned rice compared with 4,156 million in 1924.

Reports to the effect that the Japan and Chosen rice crops had been seriously damaged by floods and unfavorable weather are refuted by the above information.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON RICE

WORLD RICE PROSPECTS

Acreage and production estimates and condition reports received to date on rice are generally favorable for the rice harvest although with nothing to report for India the picture is only fragmentary. Incomplete reports on acreage for seven countries indicate an area about two per cent greater than for those countries last year. The condition of the rice plant in Japan proper indicates about an average crop according to a cable from Consul Stewart at Tokyo. Production for Japan in 1924 amounted to 17,961 million pounds and the average for the past ten years to 18,100 million. In Chosen the Consul says that generally favorable conditions have been prevailing, although flood damage has affected a small area. A crop of 4,700 million pounds of cleaned rice is predicted for Chosen as compared with 4,156 million in 1924. The expected increase in the crop of Java and Madura previously reported improves prospects so far for a fair supply of rice. No more recent statement has come in for China than that reporting damage in the vicinity of Waichow and Poklo.

RICE ACREAGE 1924, 1925

	:	:	:	:
	1924	1925	Decrease from 1924	Increase over 1924
	:	:	:	:
	<u>1000 acres</u>	<u>1000 acres</u>	<u>Per cent</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Java & Madura, amount standing and harvested on April 30.....	a/ 7,781	7,885	:	1.3
United States.....	892	998	:	11.9
India-China b/	:	:	:	:
Annam c/.....	964	944	2.1	:
Cambodia d/.....	20	17	15.0	:
Ceylon.....	800	800	:	:
Formosa, first crop.....	e/ 579	596	:	2.9
Italy.....	340	346	:	1.8
Bulgaria.....	10	11	:	9.5
Total above countries.	11,386	11,597	:	1.9

a/Total area harvested in 1924 preliminary figure 8,577,000 acres.

b/Total area for Indo-China in 1924 was estimated to be 11,500,000 acres.

c/Rice of first six months.

d/Dry season rice.

e/Total acreage 1924 estimated at 1,310,200 acres.

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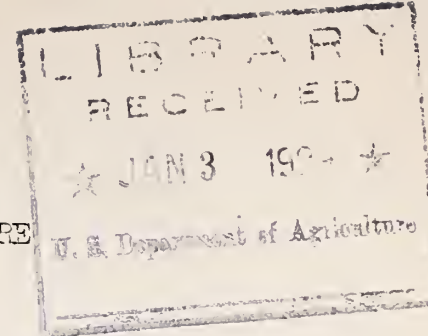
FOREIGN RICE PROSPECTS

Although some rain has fallen in the Indian rice districts, more is required for the crop in Bihar, the United Provinces and West Bengal, according to a cable to the Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. The condition of the rice crop was reported fair in most provinces in August, although the weather had been too dry in Bengal and Northeast Bihar. No new information on the Japanese rice crop has been received since August. Conditions, however, were favorable at that time, and an average crop was expected. The growth of the summer rice crop in Egypt is favorable, according to the last report. In Siam it is reported by Vice Consul Hansen that a good start has been made and the prospects for a good rice season appear to be favorable.

This year's rice crop in Hunan, the second largest rice producing and exporting province in China, appears to be only a little more than half that of a normal yield, according to a report as of August 12 from Vice Consul Vincent at Changsha. The whole province has suffered severely from summer drought. To the north, in the Tung Ting lake territory, the first rice crop was harvested in July and did not suffer as much as the later crops. Production in that district is reported at 70 per cent of normal, as is production of first crops in the southwestern districts. Second crops there are said to be burning up and without heavy rains, will be a total loss. Western Hunan was hardest hit by the drought, much of the crop being entirely ruined.

No new estimates of area or production of rice in 1925 have been received recently, but figures on the area and production in the seven countries reported to date for the whole or part of their crops, indicate a 9.7 per cent increase in area and a 10.9 per cent increase in production for 1924. The areas reporting to date do not include either India or Siam, both large producers and exporters, and are, therefore, too small a percentage of the world rice area to serve as much of an indication of what the world's crop will be.

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JAPAN'S RICE CROP INCREASED EIGHT PER CENT

Rice production in Japan for the year 1925 is estimated at 9,659,000 short tons, in terms of cleaned rice, compared with 8,980,000 last year, or an increase of 8 per cent, according to a cablegram received in the Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. The production this year is 6 per cent greater than the average for the preceding 10 years and 22 per cent greater than the 1909-13 average. The area harvested this year is estimated at 7,737,000 acres compared with 7,701,000 in 1924.

ITALIAN RICE CROP LARGER THAN IN 1924

Rice production in Italy this year is estimated at 421,868 short tons in terms of cleaned rice, or an increase of 5 per cent over the 1924 production and an increase of 31 per cent over the five year average 1909-13, according to a cable from the International Institute of Agriculture to the Department of Agriculture. The area for this year is reported at 346,000 acres compared with 340,000 last year or an increase of 6,000 acres.

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WORLD RICE PROSPECTS

Present indications, based on incomplete reports on area and production and recent weather conditions, point to a world rice crop, exclusive of China, about equal to or possibly slightly larger than that of last year. It is impossible, however, to make a definite forecast until the first estimate of production is received from India as this country produces approximately 50 per cent of the world rice crop exclusive of China.

The area in 12 countries reporting for the whole or part of their crop for 1925 is estimated at 103,042,000 acres compared with 102,297,000 in 1924 or an increase of 0.7 per cent. These figures comprise roughly about four-fifths of the world's rice area, excluding China. Production estimates for 8 countries which last year produced 22 per cent of the world's estimated total, exclusive of China, give a total of 14,690,000 short tons compared with 14,078,000 in 1924 or an increase of 4 per cent.

The first estimate of the area under rice this year in India, the world's biggest rice producer aside from China, is 74,334,000 acres or an increase of 1.6 per cent over the first estimate of 73,144,000 acres for last year, according to a cable from the International Institute of Agriculture. The final estimate for last year was 80,575,000 acres. This estimate for 1925 is an increase of 2 per cent over the average of first estimates for the five preceding years. The acreage as reported last year in the first estimate was 90.8 per cent of the total acreage under rice for that year in India, and the acreage for the year before 89.7 per cent. The latest weather reports from India, referring to October 14, state that rainfall in Bengal, the largest producing province, had been moderate to heavy, greatly improving the prospects for winter paddy. Previous reports had stated that more rain was needed. In Bihar and Orissa it is reported that showers have prolonged the growth of early paddy and have improved the yield prospects.

The area under rice in Siam up to August in the seven exporting circles is practically the same as in 1924. The paddy crop had been materially improved by increased rains during the latter part of August. In Java and Madura the area of rice land either harvested or growing at the end of August was 3 per cent below the area at the same date last year. The smaller acreage is due to the unusually dry weather prevailing this season, states Consul Hoover at Batavia quoting official statistics. Earlier estimates for acreage and production, through May, had been larger this year than last. In Annam, Indo-China there has been an increase in acreage of 3 per cent.

It is reported from Taiwan (Formosa) that at the beginning of September the second crop of rice was coming on nicely. In Egypt harvesting began early in October and a good yield is expected.

Of the countries for which production estimates have been received there were increases of 15 per cent in Korea (Chosen); 8 per cent in Japan; 5 per cent in Italy and 5 per cent in the United States.

China is excluded from the foregoing discussion because of the lack of official statistics on area and production. Reports from the principal rice producing areas on the conditions of the Chinese crop point to a somewhat smaller production than last year.

RICE: Area and Production in Countries Reported on Nov. 13, 1925.

Country	Area		Production	
	1924	1925	1924	1925
	Acres	Acres	Short tons	Short tons
United States.....	892,000	998,000	471,611	a/ 497,361
Bulgaria.....	9,700	12,600	6,619	6,458
Italy.....	339,783	346,000	402,063	421,873
Ceylon.....	803,100	800,000	283,000	260,000
Egypt b/.....	231,100	91,100	193,018	----
India c/.....	73,144,000	74,334,000	----	----
Indo-China:				
Annam.....	2,224,000	2,285,800	748,484	586,744
Cambodia d/.....	19,800	17,300	10,954	6,463
Tonking e/.....	1,210,800	1,136,700	427,318	430,040
Japan.....	7,701,109	7,737,000	8,980,356	9,659,493
Chosen (Korea).....	3,861,600	3,663,400	2,081,280	2,387,826
Taiwan (Formosa) e/.....	530,400	595,100	468,112	434,121
Java and Madura f/.....	8,580,000	8,322,000	----	----
Siam g/.....	2,622,348	2,703,582	----	----
Total countries report-				
ing for both periods h/	102,297,000	103,042,000	14,078,000	14,690,000
Percentage increase.....		0.7		4
Estimated world total				
exclusive of China....			62,800,000	

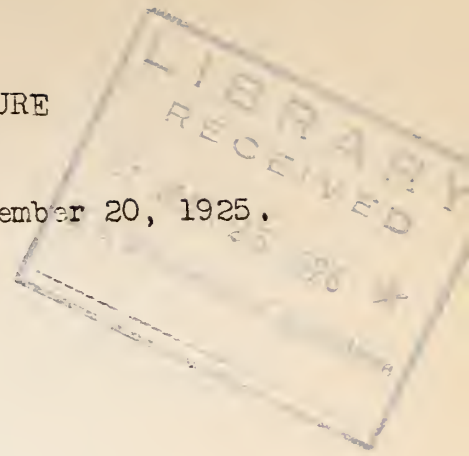
a/ Estimate based on October condition. b/ Estimate for summer or main crop. c/ First estimate. d/ Dry season crop. e/ Crop for first six months. f/ Rice land harvested and growing up to August 30. The area harvested up to and including May was estimated at 5,220,000 acres compared with 3,864,000 during the same period of 1924. Statistics for production up to May were 2,823,000 short tons compared with 2,281,000 at the same date last year. g/ Area under rice up to August 30, 1924 and 1925 in 7 principal exporting circles. Total area harvest last year in these circles 3,524,974 acres. h/ Total of all countries for area and all except India, Egypt, Siam and Java and Madura for production.

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JAVA AND MADURA RICE CROP SMALLER

An estimate just cabled to the Department of Agriculture by the International Institute of Agriculture indicates a production of rice in Java and Madura of 3,566,000 short tons compared with 3,806,000 for 1924, or a decrease of 6 per cent. This is an increase, however, of 2 per cent over the production for the preceding five years. The decreased production is probably due to the unusually dry weather prevailing this season as recently reported by Consul Hoover from Batavia.

Including the new estimate for Java and Madura, rice production in the nine countries so far reported for all or part of their 1925 crop, is now estimated at 18,256,000 pounds, compared with 17,884,000 in 1924, or an increase of 2 per cent. These nine countries last year produced 28 per cent of the world crop outside of China. A definite forecast of the world crop will not be possible until some time in December when the first estimate of production in India is received.

